

119TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 7882

To provide for the leasing of certain deposits of minerals located within  
the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2026

Mr. STAUBER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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located within the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. LEASING OF CERTAIN DEPOSITS OF MINERALS**

4 **LOCATED WITHIN CITY OF CARLSBAD, NEW**

5 **MEXICO.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the exclusion in  
7 the first section of the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C.  
8 181) or the first sentence of section 3 of the Mineral Leas-  
9 ing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 352) with respect  
10 to incorporated cities, towns, and villages, and subject to

1 written consent provided by the City of Carlsbad, New  
2 Mexico, to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary may  
3 lease deposits of the minerals described in such section  
4 and such sentence that are located on covered land in ac-  
5 cordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181  
6 et seq.) or Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30  
7 U.S.C. 351 et seq.), as applicable, and any other applica-  
8 ble Federal mineral leasing law.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) ACQUIRED LAND.—The term “acquired  
11 land” has the meaning given the term “acquired  
12 lands” in section 2 of the Mineral Leasing Act for  
13 Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351).

14 (2) COVERED LAND.—The term “covered land”  
15 means land that—

16 (A) is—

17 (i) owned by the United States within  
18 the meaning of the Mineral Leasing Act  
19 (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.); or

20 (ii) acquired land; and

21 (B) located within the City of Carlsbad,  
22 New Mexico.

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